the State Government of Meghalaya had suggested to the Central Government tha Joint Human Rights Commission be set up for the North-Eastern States. However, there was no such demand from the remaining North-Eastern States. Moreover, out of the seven North-Eastern States, the State Governments of Assam and Manipur have already set up their respective State Human Rights Commission. The Central Government has again addressed the Chief Ministers of the concerned States in this connection, on 18.01.99.

Law against drunken driving

1601. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law against drunken driving is not being enforced in Delhi effectively, because of lack of equipment, absence of co-ordination between patrol cars and traffic police, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are proposed to be taken to see that the law is enforced effectively in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The law against drunken driving is enforced by Delhi Traffic Police without the assistance of PCR Vans as the latter have been assigned a different role. The Traffic Police is, however, handicapped at present because of non-availability of indigenously developed and Government-approved Breath Analysers. It is only recently that an indigenous manufacturer commenced manufacture of this equipment and Delhi Police plan to procure Breath Analysers-during the next financial year for their use, after this newly developed product is approved by the Central Government as required under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Crimes in the country

1602. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an all round increase in the number of crimes since 1998; and

(b) if so, what are Government's long term and short term plans to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI LK. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Complete date for 1998 is not yet available. However, available information in regard to the incidence of cognizable crimes under the IPC reported during the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 (upto available months) is given in the enclosed statement *(See below).*

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation and detection of crimes as well as the prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Statement

Crimes in the Country

s. No.	State/UT	1996		19 97		1998	
		Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Information available upto
1.	Andhra Pradesh	109759	150.6	114963	155.3	95001	October
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1927*	194.6	1776	185.7	1433	October
3.	Assam	36490	145.3	36562	142.8	33438	October
4.	Bihar	117017	120.8	117401	118.8	NA	
5.	Goa	2798	215.2	2895	217.7	2878	November
6.	Gujarat	117821	259 6	117823	255.2	108464	November
7.	Haryana	33516	181.9	31981	170.2	33722	November
8.	Himachal Pradesh	10776	188.4	10242	175.7	10114	November
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	17478	201.1	17192	194.0	14800	October
10.	Karnataka	114475	234.9	114663	232.5	110533	
11.	Kerala	86141	275.0	92523	291.0	84129	November
12.	Madhya Pradesh	196779	267.8	205026	274.0	174218	November
13.	Maharashtra	187471	214.1	185122	207.5	181148	
14.	Manipur	2573	123.7	2974	139.6	2349	November
15.	Meghalaya	1863	92.7	1978	94.2	1245	August
16.	Mizoram	2241	276.7	2120	252.4	1997	November
17.'	Nagaland	1378	96.4	1477	98.5	1313	
18.	Orissa	50619	145.2	49843	140.5	34402	August
19.	Punjab	13927	63.5	15069	67.8	16921	
20.	Rajasthan	116621	328.9	165469	330.5	156472	November
21.	Sikkim	710	147.9	623	124.6	515	November
22.	Tamil Nadu	131497	223.5	141867	238.9	118833	
23.	Tripura	3630	116.3	3444	108.0	3337	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	172480	113.0	192779	98.5	148337	October
25.	West Bengal	69118	92.9	65481	86.7	62508	November
	TOTAL STATES	1644100	179.1	1651593	176.9	1398107	
26.	A&N Islands	376	110.6	477	136.3	539	
27.	Chandigarh	2048	252:8	2181	259.6	1985	
28.	D&N Haveli	410	256.3	347	204.1	502	
29.	Daman & Diu	258	234.5	267	222.5	123	November
30.	Delhi	59871	527.0	60883	517.7	62270	
31.	Lakshadweep	44	73.3	26	43.3	58	
32.	Pondicherry	2469	274.3	2530	275.0	2414	
	TOTAL (UTS)	65476	476.6	66711	469.1	67892	
	TOTAL STATE/UT	1709576	183.4	1718304	181.3	1465999	

N.A. — Not Available.